

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U 902 G) and Southern California Gas Company (U 904 G) for Authority to Integrate Their Gas Transmission Rates, Establish Firm Access Rights, and Provide Off-System Gas Transportation Services.

Application 04-12-004
(Filed December 2, 2004)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
GRANTING JOINT PARTIES' MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE A RESPONSE OR PROTEST TO THE APPLICATION**

On December 17, 2004, Joint Parties¹ filed a motion seeking an extension of time for the filing of responses or protests to the application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Southern California Gas Company filed on December 2, 2004. The application seeks Commission authorization to integrate Applicants' gas transmission rates, establish firm access rights, and provide off-system gas transportation services. In the absence of an extension, responses or protests are due on January 7, 2005.²

¹ Joint Parties are the Indicated Producers, California Manufacturing and Technology Association, Coral Energy Resources, L.P., ExxonMobil Gas & Power Marketing Company, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates, Southern California Generation Coalition, The Utility Reform Network, and West Coast Power.

² Rule 44.1 requires the filing of responses or protests within 30 days of the date (December 8, 2004) the application's filing appeared in the Daily Calendar.

Joint Parties request additional time in order to review and address Applicants' exemplar tariffs, which were not included in the December 2nd application but were provided to parties on December 21, 2004. Joint Parties assert that if they are allowed to do this, they will be in a better position to assist the Commission in further refining the issues it must consider in this proceeding.

On December 22, 2004, the Administrative Law Judge shortened the due date for responses to the Extension Motion to December 28, 2004.³ The Commission has received one response, from BHP Billiton LNG International Inc., urging it to grant the Extension Motion in the interests of a more focused and productive discussion of the issues posed in the application. There is no formal opposition to the Extension Motion.

All things considered, granting the Extension Motion will allow the parties sufficient time to review the exemplar tariffs, which should result in the filing of responses or protests that better inform and guide the Commission's consideration of the issues, without unduly delaying this proceeding.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that the Joint Parties' Motion for Extension of Time to File a Response or Protest to the Application, filed December 17, 2004, is hereby granted. Responses or protests are due for filing on January 20, 2005, 30 days from the date Applicants served exemplary tariffs on the parties. Such

³ The ruling was issued in response to Joint Parties' Motion for an Order Shortening Comment Period to Motion for Extension of Time filed the previous day.

responses or protests shall be served on the service list for Rulemaking 04-01-025 as well as the Commission's official service list for Application 04-12-004.

Dated December 30, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ LYNN T. CAREW
Lynn T. Carew
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Granting Joint Parties' Motion for Extension of Time to File a Response or Protest to the Application on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated December 30, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

Ke Huang

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